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#### REMARKS

It is respectfully submitted that in view of the above amendments, the application is in clear condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at 434-972-9567 to discuss any matter regarding this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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### APPENDIX

### IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows. As required by 37 C.F.R. 1.121(b)(1), the amended specification paragraphs are provided here in marked form.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at Page 1, line 12, with the following re-written paragraph:

Serial Number <u>09/867,800</u> (Attorney Docket Number 11947-2), titled "Method and System for Clustering Optimization and Applications", filed

<u>\_\_\_\_\_.31 May 2001.</u>

Please replace the paragraph beginning at Page 1, line 15, with the following re-written paragraph:

Serial Number <u>09/867,804</u> (Attorney Docket Number 11947-3), titled "Method and System for Clustering Optimization and Applications", filed

<u>\_\_\_\_\_.31 May 2001.</u>

Please replace the paragraph beginning at Page 1, line 18, with the following re-written paragraph:

Serial Number <u>09/867,802</u> (Attorney Docket Number 11947-5), titled "Method and System for Clustering Optimization and Applications", filed \_\_\_\_\_\_31 May 2001.

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Please replace the paragraph beginning at Page 1, line 21, with the following re-written paragraph:

Serial Number <u>09/867,803</u> (Attorney Docket Number 11947-6), titled "Method and System for Clustering Optimization and Applications", filed

<u>\_\_\_\_\_31 May 2001.</u>

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Please replace the paragraph beginning at Page 1, line 24, with the following re-written paragraph:

Serial Number 09/867,582 (Attorney Docket Number 11947-7), titled

"Method and System for Clustering Optimization and Applications", filed